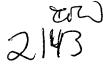
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 13, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.